

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A puncture sealing agent comprising at least:
a rubber latex solution;
a short fiber; and
a clay base viscosity improver,
wherein the viscosity of the rubber latex solution after addition of the clay base viscosity improver thereto from 3 to 6000 mPa·s in the range of +50 to -20°C.
2. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1, wherein the content of a solid component is 5 to 70 mass percent and the content of the short fiber is 0.1 to 5 mass percent.
3. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein a length (L) and a diameter (D) of the short fiber, respectively, are in the ranges below:
Length (L): $0.05 \leq L \leq 10$ mm and
Diameter (D): $1 \leq D \leq 100$ μ m.
4. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein a ratio (L/D) of a length (L) to a diameter (D) of the short fiber is in the range of $5 \leq L/D \leq 2000$.
5. (currently amended): The puncture sealing agent of ~~any one of claims 1 through 4~~claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.
6. (currently amended): The puncture sealing agent of ~~any one of claims 1 through 4~~claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

7. (currently amended): The puncture sealing agent of ~~any one of claims 1 through 4~~claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

8. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 7, wherein the short fiber has a multi-layered structure and the outermost layer thereof is made of a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

9. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

10. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

11. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

12. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

13. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

14. (new): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.